

My understanding of the law as it currently stands is that adoptees born prior to the mid 1970s had to request their OBC before the law changed in 1983 and that adoptees born from the mid-1970s to 1983 essentially were never allowed access to their original birth certificate (they were underage...would they have requested it?). Furthermore, Also, if you were born after October 1983 you have full access to your OBC. This feels grossly unfair. I believe EVERYONE should have full access to their original birth certificate if they choose to request it.

In this day and age adoptees have the ability to circumvent the system by doing a DNA test which may lead to them finding their birth information...they would have to pay the cost for the test which is a greater financial burden than it would be for obtaining a certified copy of their OBC from the town's department of vital records. Again, how is this fair?

One of my sister's gave up a child for adoption in 1977. This child recently did a DNA test on one of the sites that my sister and I have also tested on. I happened to see my nephew's listing briefly, before he took it down and made it private. I can't imagine how he felt going from no information to suddenly seeing his mother's and aunt's names. It's like being outed before you're ready. I know how difficult it was for my sister to have her son show up briefly then go private without any communication...she felt like she had lost him once again. Wouldn't it be more humane for the child to (on his/her own terms, and in his/her own time) request their OBC, and with that information, begin to work through the emotions and feelings that come up before (again in their own time) possibly making contact.

An original birth certificate is a legal right for non-adoptees...I ask that you make it a right for all individuals.

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